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Victoria, Feb. 48, 1859.
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STORE.

THE BRITISH COLONIST.
A. DE COSMOS, Editor.
SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 1859.

EXPERIMENTAL legislation is a curse to any country; but when it is introduced to secure a private object, it is then a double curse. In this light we view those clauses in the Registration of Voters' Bill, and in the Representation Bill, which will disqualify any British subject who has taken "any oath of allegiance (declaration of intention?) or has become the citizen or subject of a foreign power," from being registered as a voter, from voting, and from holding a seat in the Assembly, unless he resides three years in the colony. These clauses are purely experimental. No precedent can be found for them in the experience of Great Britain and her fifty colonies. It has remained for a few obscure individuals, in order to further private interests, to attempt the introduction of a principle at variance with the practice and policy of Great Britain and her colonies: to the Legislature of Vancouver's Island, and it alone, is due this unenviable honor. Should this unnatural proscription be made law, it will be tantamount to a denial of that doctrine which is the proud boast of Englishmen, in every part of the globe: "Once a British subject always a British subject." No measure is better calculated to do a more lasting injury to these colonies, or to English influence on the Pacific, than this. Nothing is more natural than to expect it to raise a hostile feeling in the bosom of every British subject who comes within the range of the law. When they learn that they are deprived of their birth-right, instead of coming here to build up the country with their wealth, industry, and enterprise, their native sympathies will be blighted, they will curse the land which denationalizes them, and remain under a foreign flag to create for us an imperious rival. If there were any good reasons for disfranchising them,—if they were disloyal, or endan-gered the security of life and property, then we would cheerfully support it; but we can discover nothing but prej-udice, selfishness, and jealousy, as the foundation of this novelty,—and that the object for which it is introduced is to assist in giving to the agents of a monopoly the exclusive control of a colony bought with the common blood and common treasure of the nation. Regarding it then as unjust, impolitic, oppressive, disloyal, and opposed, under every phase, to these colonies and to British interests on the Pacific, we now put in an emphatic protest against this experiment of an interested few. In making our protest, however, we have the satisfaction of knowing that we are on the side of the British Parliament, even if we find ourself in opposition to the Governor and Assembly of Vancouver's Island. Those statesmen in the Commons—Ministerialists and Opposition—who applauded Sir Bulwer Lytton when he read a communi-cation from a reliable gentleman, that there were 50,000 British subjects on the Pacific coast, who would gladly settle in these colonies if they could situate themselves as favorably here—will be struck with astonishment when they learn that Vancouver's Island—which only requires population to give her a commanding influence on the Pacific—

has attempted to deprive British subjects of their birth-right, and virtually drive them from her shores. And when they learn that no sound reason can be given for such unnatural proscription, they will mark with condemnation those mis-guided legislators who have given birth to this impolitic act. But whose indignation will be more quickly roused than Sir Bulwer Lytton's, at such consum-mate perfidy, whose influence will cease with one stroke of his pen. As a student of humanity he knew that it was impossible to eradicate national sym-pathy when it has once taken root,—and as a statesman there was no danger in-curred in trusting men with the privi-leges of their birth, though years in a for-eign land. Consequently—amid the "hear! hear!" of the Commons, he said he placed his dependence on those 50,000 for peopling immediately with Anglo-Saxons these remote but impor-tant dependencies. When he learns by whom his views are obstructed,—that this obstructive measure originated with the head of the government and head of the Assembly, and that the latter has boasted of these unpopular bills with un-English clauses, his veto will end this odious measure, and would justly and, we hope, suddenly hurl from power such an obstructive statesman, and substitute one whose views are national, and not confined within the limits of a body cor-porate.

Since the above was in type the Assem-bly has rejected the Representation Bill. Those objectionable sections in the Re-gistration of Voters' Bill, it is hoped, will be dealt with in the same manner,—and that all British subjects who may owe allegiance to foreign countries, may be welcomed with equal rights to our shores.

J. BELL FORSYTH in a letter to Quebec Morning Chronicle says, that if the Pa-cific Railroad is built, London will be within twenty days of Victoria. He doubts whether this route would be the best in time of peace, but holds that in case of war it is the only safe one, and that it would make the North American colonies the highway of the China trade. He says: From Liverpool to Halifax the distance is 2,466 miles; from Halifax to the Pacific 3,800 miles by land; from the Pacific to Shanghai 3,450; so that merchandise could be transported from London to Shanghai within a month. The length of the road from Pembroke on the Ottawa, or Peterboro on the Trent, to the Pacific is 2,500 miles. Allowing for sinuosities, and taking for my guide Trois Pistoles to Lake Huron, the length of the road would be 2,800 miles. Allowing for great engineering difficulties in the Rocky Mountains, twenty-five millions sterling would build it." He argues that the money could be easily raised in London, provided Van-couver's Island, with part of the gold districts, were conceded to a company by the Home Government. The latter project would not meet the views of these colonies. We are already suffer-ing from the H. B. Co. monopoly.

Correspondence of the British Colonist.
EDITOR COLONIST: Sir,—While act-ing as a Juror on the last Grand Jury held in this town, it became my duty to recommend to my brother jurors the propriety of inducing the authorities to cause all packages of powder found in

TRIBUTE OF RESPECT.

AT a called Meeting of the Victoria Pioneer Cricket Club, held at their Hall on the evening of the 28th February, 1859, the following preamble and resolutions, expressive of the feelings of the Club upon learning the death of their late brother member, Capt. WM. BROTCHE, were unanimously adopted: Whereas, the members of the Victoria Pioneer Cricket Club are deeply pained to learn the death of their late brother member, Capt. WILLIAM BROTCHE, who departed this life on the morning of the 28th February, 1859, after a long illness, in the 60th year of his age. Be it therefore

Resolved, that this Club attend the funeral of our late brother, for the purpose of paying its last tribute to the departed. Resolved, that the Hall be hung with crape, and the members wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days. Resolved, that a certified copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the family of the deceased, with whom we deeply sympathize in this their great loss.

M. H. PIKE,
CHAS. WEAVER,
JOHN C. KEENAN,
Committee on Resolutions.

Attest:
CHAS. WEAVER, Sec. pro. tem.
London papers please copy.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the meeting on the subject of Annexation, which was to take place this Evening, is adjourned until further notice.

AUCTION SALE.

SELM FRANKLIN AND CO., Auctioneers and Land Agents, Yates street, will sell on SATURDAY, March 5, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

By order of the Administrator, the personal effects of James Sangster, deceased.

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Orders from the country thankfully received, and promptly attended to. mar3

the various stores throughout the town, to be taken to some secure and safe locality where, in case of fire, the lives of the inhabitants would not suffer, as in such instances as that in Columbia, Cal., 25th Aug., 1857, where five of the most respectable merchants were hurried into eternity without a moment's warning. It is now nearly two months since the Grand Jury terminated their labours, and not a single recommendation then made by those gentlemen to the authorities has been paid the slightest attention to. Thousands of pounds of powder are pouring by every shipment into the most populous part of our town, and it would not at all surprise the writer if many, many lives would be sacrificed to the laxity of those entrusted to look after the lives and property of our citizens. JUNON.

THE BRITISH COLONIST.

A. DE COSMOS, Editor.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 1859.

THE land system of British Columbia does not tend to populate and settle the country. This is the great fault in the system. No provision is made for the honest and industrious farmer of small means, dependant chiefly on his labor, to enter at present on the public domain and create for himself a home. Should he settle on and cultivate an unoccupied and unsurveyed portion of the public lands, he has no security that he will enjoy the results of his labor. He trusts in the first place to the generosity of the government not to disturb him till the lands are surveyed and brought into the market. Then no consideration is guaranteed for his improvements, and in case he is unable to pay the price a speculator is willing to give, he must lose his improvements, and the prospective reward of his labor, with the enhanced value of his farm. The tendency is consequently in favor of the land speculator; and the natural result of the system is that the poor settler has no advantages offered him to settle the country; but is placed at the mercy of those who hope to draw the means of ease and luxury from his honest toil. Continue this system, and you foster a class who are worse than gamblers; for the gambler merely risks coin for coin; but the land speculator plays for God's best gift to man, the homes and firesides of the people. Continue this and you introduce the odious system of landlord and tenant,—of patronage and dependance,—instead of an independent yeomanry, the bone and sinew, the pride and glory and boast of every great country.

Our object should be to avoid those evils, and populate the country as fast as possible. We should introduce a system that offers an inducement to population,—one which will give the hardy settler decided advantages,—and one which will use the wealth of the non-occupying and non-producing speculator to add population to the country. Experience has proven that gold countries beget a restless and roving population, and that the dependance of government for revenue, directly, is on the agricultural and commercial classes. In order then to settle the country and found permanent sources of revenue as quickly as possible, advantage should be taken

now of the disposition of those who are willing to engage in agriculture. We should not wait for the lands to be surveyed. They should be sold publicly and authoritatively: settle wherever you please on 160 acres of unoccupied land. If you have no wish to purchase them when offered at public sale, adequate consideration will be given for your necessary improvements. But if you will enter, occupy, and improve unoccupied lands for a reasonable time, you can have them at a fixed price, which will barely cover the expense of survey. To this no tangible objections can be urged on the ground of surveying and revenue; but it has many recommendations to favor its adoption: The country would be better known and sooner settled; the public lands adjoining enhanced in value; an immediate source of revenue created; the farmer's produce would keep gold in the country; the settler would not have to wait years on government for surveys which private enterprise would accomplish in days; and on the whole the bona fide settler, the hardy pioneer would be offered an inducement to settle in the country, and justly receive decided advantages over the many-acred monopolist.

Not a foot of land should be sold except at public sale, save to actual settlers. But in aiming to benefit them we would act injudiciously to lose sight of the moneyed class. Our object should be to turn to account the thrifty farmer and the land speculator, and make them furnish the means to increase the population.

Taking for granted that public competition would raise the price of lands, and place the officials above suspicion, it would then remain to appropriate the proceeds to secure our object. To do this the Territorial revenue should not be liable for any of the expenses of the colony, except that of the Surveyor's department; and that the surplus should be used in bringing population from abroad and settling them in the colony.

WHETHER the Family-Compact found it impossible to carry the famous "misrepresentation Bill" through the Assembly, against the well understood wishes of the people, or whether they wished to conciliate all, it matters not, as the bill is now dead. Mr. Yates, however, in denouncing the bill, and with the co-operation of Messrs. Skinner and Pemberton, rejecting it, has done good service to the people; the reward for which is their esteem and confidence. It now remains to introduce a bill which will meet and harmonize the views of all. Summing up the wishes of the people as they have reached us, we find that they are in favor of not less than fifteen nor more than twenty members of Assembly; that a revision of the electoral districts and the apportionment of members, should be made so as to make population the basis of representation, but not so as to give the town of Victoria a controlling voice in the legislature, for fear she would be built up at the expense of the country; that the qualification of a member should not be more than nine months residence in the country, nor other property qualification than for a voter; that no man should be allowed

to vote except he owns real estate to the value of one hundred dollars, or pays an annual rental of fifty dollars, and has resided in the country three months, and that no objection should be taken to those British subjects who may have sworn allegiance to a foreign power; that no one should be allowed to vote except once; that the vote must be given in the district in which the voter resides; that proxy and company votes should be disallowed; and that the election should be simultaneous in every district.

DOUBTFUL DECISION.—In the case of Capt. Tatchell, bark "Guadalete," vs. W. E. Foulks, steward, tried before Justice Pemberton, Feb. 26, a decision was rendered which may have an important bearing on shipping arriving in this port. Ship masters assert that it is clearly opposed to Act of Parliament, and that the tendency of it is to induce sailors arriving in Victoria to refuse duty in order to get higher wages, and by that means entail on European ships treble expenses in re-shipping a crew. It appears that Foulks claimed his discharge on the ground of a verbal agreement in England with the owners. Capt. Tatchell objected to his discharge, holding that no verbal agreement could set aside the ship's articles signed by Foulks. Mr. Justice Pemberton in giving his judgment stated that his conscience would discharge him; but, having taken the opinion of three ship masters that it would be illegal to do so, he refused. Capt. Tatchell then made a complaint against Foulks for refusing to perform his duty. The Court decided that Foulks should be imprisoned 30 days; ordered the Captain to pay his wages into Court, and informed him that Foulks would be discharged from the ship. Capt. Tatchell claimed that he should be put on board the ship according to law, but the Justice refused. A protest against the decision will be made, and Justice Pemberton held responsible for any extra wages the ship may incur in consequence of the discharge.

MR. WM. BALLOU, Pioneer Express, has furnished us with the following account of persons found drowned:

Six men were picked up on Feb. 25, about seven miles from Point Roberts, opposite Semiahmoo, from a small Whatcom built skiff, in an attempt to cross from Semiahmoo to Point Roberts. They had with them several deer which they probably had killed. Their names cannot be ascertained, as they had no papers, and the bodies were not recognized. One had on a plain gold ring, marked inside "Louise Haagen, March 22, '56." Another had on a silver watch, Tobias, maker, No. 40,248. One man had on his person 22 oz. gold dust, and one dollar; another near 25 oz.; and another \$1 87. The money is deposited in the hands of Capt. McLane, Point Roberts. A more particular description of the men is in the hands of Mr. Thos. E. Gray, Point Roberts. A Coroner's Jury were sworn in by the residents, and the jury after deliberation returned a verdict in accordance with the above. T. E. Gray, Coroner; A. Prescott, W. Fitzpatrick, J. Cohn, W. Tukey, M. Erskine, Harvey C. Snow, and J. C. Baar.

Why don't the young men of this town organize a lyceum?

As the Registration of Voter's Bill has passed the Assembly containing a clause against British subjects who have contracted allegiance to a foreign power, it may be well to remind the authors that they must either include all or exclude none. The latter, however, we believe best. As an illustration of a disposition to allow some to fatten on public pap, whilst others are ostracised, we cite the following handed us by a friend, born in the old country: "Alex. C. Anderson, Collector of Customs for Victoria and British Columbia, admitted as a citizen of the United States before the District Court of Clark county, Washington Territory, Oct. 3, 1854. Certificate on file in Registrar's office, Olympia, W. T." This gentleman may be a very good officer; but why is he allowed to collect the revenue, if the country is endangered by quasi-Americans? An old employee of the Company tells us that His Excellency Gov. Douglas, in Oregon, put in his hands a ticket, and requested, or ordered, him to vote, and when he replied that he was an Englishman, he was informed that that made no difference, and he consequently voted.

SPEAKER HELMCKEN gave notice of an address in reply to His Excellency's message of Feb. 13. The principal points are as follows:

That the House wishes the Indians removed, not by violence but with their consent, to San Juan Island. The reserve to be sold, except the water front. The proceeds of sale taken by the government, except sufficient to build a school house for the Indians, and pay for the survey of the reserve in town lots. Interest to be allowed at the rate of 5 per cent on surplus proceeds for ten years; 2 1-2 per cent for ten years more. That the interest be applied as recommended by His Excellency for the education, etc., of the Indians, whom it is supposed will all be dead before 20 years. The interest on the proceeds of sale to be paid by taxes imposed in the town of Victoria. The nett amount, with other sums derived from the water front, to be used in improving Victoria Harbour, removing Victoria bridge, and building another bridge at Point Ellis. If this proposition should not be adopted, then Victoria Bridge to be removed to enlarge the Harbour, and keep the Indians away from town.

LATEST FROM FRASER.—New diggings have been found on the tributaries of Anderson river. The gold is coarse. A considerable quantity has been received here from Fort Yale by Spörberg and Co. The extent of the mines is not known.

The news from the Upper Fraser is good.

Some sixty boats left Fort Yale in one day bound upward.

Mr. Wm. Ballou reports having met between Fort Hope and Langley 54 boats going up, and saw a great many more at Langley.

BUNCOMBE.—The idea, proposed by Speaker Helmcken, of educating the Victoria Indians, whom he expects will all die before twenty years, is exceedingly rich! It is an excellent satire on the reply of His Excellency of Feb. 13, favoring their education; and viewing it in that light it tallies well with another reply to a clergyman who made application for the office of teacher; but who was given to understand that the proposition to educate Songus Indians was impracticable. Truly His Excellency understands the mode of feeding the morbid philanthropists of the Aborigines Society and Exeter Hall. Buncombe is a great general!

Correspondence of the British Colonist.

FORT YALE, Feb. 24, 1859.

A large number of boats filled with goods, and manned by miners, are "froze up" between here and the Forks of Thompson river. The coming season will fully develop the resources of British Columbia, and in July next we shall know whether the district extends further than the banks of the "noble" (?) Fraser, or is confined to the present locality.

Some boatmen were heavily fined today by Justice Whannell, for bringing up goods and hawking the same without license. The cases have been appealed.

The "said Hicks" still continues to discharge the functions of Crown Commissioner, although his movements are closely watched by Capt. Brew. Hicks, in common with Travalie, (the Commissioner at Thompson river,) has been guilty of many acts of wholesale corruption since his appointment by Governor Douglas; and it is sincerely hoped by the residents that his continuance in power will be short lived. Can there be a more striking illustration of the unfitness of Governor Douglas for the high and responsible position he at present holds, than the appointment of two such men as Hicks and Travalie? The sale of town lots (which is known as "Hicks' speculation") has been discontinued, as it has been ascertained by Col. Moody that he in many instances sold lots two and three times over to different parties, thus realizing for himself a snug little sum, which he is said to have laid aside "for a rainy day." If the government officials are honest, that rainy day is near at hand.

In my next I will go more into detail, and lift the veil which at present hides the acts of certain officials here from public gaze.

PUSS-IN-THE-CORNER.

FIRST QUARTER.—We would remind our quarterly subscribers, who commenced with our first number, that to-day concludes the first three months of the existence of The British Colonist. Contrary to predictions we still survive; and through the generous support of our patrons, are firmly established, with the largest circulation of any newspaper published in these colonies. Our finances are so prosperous that we hope are long to appear in a new dress, and often than once a week.

NOTICE.

GOVERNMENT TREASURY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, Victoria, March 2, 1859.

A FEW BILLS, to be drawn by me, for sums of not less than Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds sterling each, payable at 10 days sight by the Lord Commissioner of Her Majesty's Treasury in London, are now saleable for cash. Tenders are invited: of equal offers, that affording the largest quantity of English coins will be preferred. Applications to be addressed to me not later than Tuesday morning next.

W. DRISCOLL GOSSET, Treasurer of British Columbia.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

PORT OF VICTORIA, V. I.

ARRIVALS.

Feb. 28.—str. Pacific, Patterson, San Francisco; schr. Amelia, Thornton, Pt Townsend; schr. Jessie, Mattheson, do. March 1.—str. Beaver, Sinclair, Langley. 2.—barge Bridge River, Moore, do; C. D. Kidder, Sissa, Pt Townsend. 3.—sloop Frank Sherman, Smith, do; schr. Island Queen, Robertson, Langley and Pt Townsend; str. Constitution, Gove, Pt Townsend; schr. Langley, Hibbard, Langley.

CLEARANCES.

Feb. 28.—str. Beaver, Sinclair, Langley; schr. Amelia, Thornton, Pt Townsend; C. D. Kidder, Sissa, do; str. Pacific, Patterson, San Francisco. March 1.—barge Bridge River, Moore, Langley. 2.—schr. Island Queen, Robertson, Langley; schr. Guilettia, Doderio, San Francisco. 3.—str. Constitution, Gove, Pt Townsend. 4.—Hamburg brig Man-lust, Mason, San Francisco; bark Mary E, Slade, Crowell, San Francisco.

VICTORIA WHOLESALE PRICE CURRENT.

CORRECTED WEEKLY.

Apples, dried, P. D.	13	15
Barley, P. D.	2	15
Beans, P. D.	40	45
Bacon, extra clear, P. D.	17	18
Butter, P. D.	3	3 1/2
Cheese, P. D.	40	42
Flour, P. D.	4	11
Grain, P. D.	10	12
Hay, P. D.	10	12
Indian Meal, P. D.	10	12
Onions, P. D.	10	12
Potatoes, P. D.	10	12
Rice, P. D.	10	12
Sugar, P. D.	10	12
Tea, P. D.	10	12
Wheat, P. D.	10	12
Yeast, P. D.	10	12

TO BUILDERS.

TENDERS wanted for the immediate erection in Victoria of the following:
A plain gabled rectangular building, shingled roof, 32 feet by 16, by 9 feet to ceiling, all inside measurements; upright board, crossed by clinker; divided into two rooms by lined partition, door, and brick chimney stack with double flue, brick hearths to two fire-places; flooring to carry weight; 3 feet wide counter across one room; one half gabled folding-door, with skeleton porch; four windows. The whole of the interior to be papered and painted.
For further particulars apply to
Capt. W. DRISCOLL GOSSET,
Treasurer of British Columbia.
Victoria, March 2, 1859.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

COMMISSARIAT, Victoria, Feb. 28, 1859.
Persons desiring of contracting for the whole or any of the three undermentioned items are requested to send in tenders to this office without delay:
To supply, at such times and in such quantities as may be demanded, at or within five miles of Queenborough, (the capital on the Fraser river), for the use of the troops:
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THE undersigned at the old stand, Government st. between Yates and Johnson st., tenders his thanks to his numerous customers for the liberal share of patronage extended to him in his business, and takes this opportunity to assure them that nothing shall be wanting on his part to insure a continuance of their favors. He has just added to his already large stock of Ironmongery, Stoves, Tin and sheet Iron, Glass and Crockery ware, and proposes to offer to the public every article in his line of business at a small advance on first cost.

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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

Met at 11 A. M., Tuesday, March 5, 1859, in the new Police building.

Mr. McKay moved the second reading of Representation Bill.

Dr. Kennedy seconded it.

Mr. Yates moved in amendment its withdrawal.

Mr. Skinner seconded it, and objected to the bill.

Mr. Pemberton thought that instead of withdrawing the bill, it should be referred to a Committee.

Hon. Speaker would not withdraw it.

Mr. Yates thought a Committee should be appointed to draft a bill. He had thirteen amendments to make to it.

The amendment of Mr. Yates was put and carried. Noes: Kennedy and McKay. Yeas: Yates, Skinner, and Pemberton.

Hon. Speaker gave notice of an address to His Excellency relative to Victoria Indian Reserve.

Mr. Yates gave notice of a motion for a Committee of five to report on Franchise Bill to the House.

In an irregular conversation Mr. Yates stated that the Committee on Harbour Improvements had found no difficulty in the way of removing the Sand Spit in Victoria Harbour. The channel would be widened 600 feet. The Speaker said the Victoria S. N. Bill was the most one sided he had ever heard.

Adjourned to Tuesday after next.

CANADA.—The threat of a dissolution of Parliament by the organs of the Government, is raising a storm of disapprobation throughout the country. It gives the finishing touch to Sir Edmund Head's work of partisanship. The Coalition Government was beaten last session, and was utterly unable to get thro' the Supplies or finish the business of the House. The Governor General stepped in to their assistance. He induced Mr. Brown and his friends to take office, and relinquish their seats in the House; he refused their just and constitutional demand for a dissolution, turned them out, and permitted the old men to come back to their bureaux, without re-election, and finish the business while the Opposition were absent from the House. Mr. Brown and his friends are all re-elected, notwithstanding the most strenuous opposition, and as the time for again meeting the House approaches, the most respectable member of the Cabinet is compelled by public opinion to retire from it, and it is plainly impossible that the ministry can go through the session. Obstensibly bent on his partisan work—determined that the faction who have been obedient to his will shall continue to rule the Province, Sir Edmund Head comes once more to their aid. He refused a dissolution to Messrs. Brown and Dorion—he promises, if we can believe the Government journals, to grant it to Messrs. Cartier and Macdonald.—Globe.

The Colonist formally announces that—

"The Hon. John Rose has accepted the office of Chief Commissioner of Public Works, in place of the Hon. Mr. Sicotte, resigned. Mr. Rose's former office of Solicitor-General East has not, we believe, been filled up at present."

A monument has been erected at Montreal in memory of the men who suffered during the political troubles of 1857-58. W. Lyon Mackenzie, was invited to assist in the inauguration, but declined.

Recruiting for the 400th (Canadian) regiment goes briskly on.

The Toronto Leader says, that if a federal union of the six provinces is formed, and new provinces west of Canada taken into the confederation, then Ottawa will not be too far west for the capital.

It seems that all the Delegates from the British North American Provinces, lately in London, had the honor of being presented to Her Majesty. This is as it should be. However much Colonists may differ among themselves, they all have a common interest and a common pride in having the representatives of their respective Governments treated with becoming courtesy and consideration by the Imperial authorities. A late English paper says:

"The representatives of the provincial governments of Canada, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia have received the honor of separate audiences of Her Majesty; and now the responsible advisers of the Crown in British North America may with just pride say that their position has been with equal grace and wisdom recognised by the highest authority in the empire. To Sir Bulwer Lytton belongs the credit of having broken down that foolish and despicable routine of departmental administration which kept the colonies of this country under the tutelage of the Secretary of State and his chief clerks in Downing street. The natural and legitimate consequence of the system of responsible government in British North America must be access to the throne on the part of the colonial advisers of the Crown in all matters of imperial concern; and we rejoice that the federative union of British North America is the matter which has now occasioned a change in the colonial administration which will give universal satisfaction and content."—Nova Scotian.

THE Railway meeting lately held in the Provinces appear to have galvanized our Yankee friends across the border, with whom an Inter-Colonial Railroad is likely to be anything but popular. The State of Maine, not content with attracting the bulk of the trade of Canada to Portland, is very anxious to draw that of the maritime Provinces also through her territory.—lb.

ONE of our New Brunswick contemporaries states as "a lamentable fact," that St. John, Portland, and Carleton, containing a population of 40,000 souls, cannot muster a single band of music among them.—lb.

THE Canadian papers report great excitement in Quebec, large crowds of men marching through the streets with the object of forcing the authorities to give them food or employment.

At a Public Meeting lately held in the County of Gloucester, N. B., resolutions were passed in favor of the Inter-Colonial Railway, North Shore route, and recommending that the appropriation of land and the £20,000 a year granted in 1849 be adhered to.

THE new Post Master General of New Brunswick has ordered the discontinuance of the delivery of letters hereafter on the Sabbath day.

THE Grand Falls Bridge, built by Mr. Tomlinson, a beautiful structure, across the Saint John, which was formally opened on the 4th inst., we regret to learn has fallen.

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